



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
PO Box 45600 * Olympia, WA 98504-5600

February 28, 2012

RE: ADSA: NH # 2012-001
MARCH 1, 2012 ADJUSTED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

A Rate Computation Worksheet for your facility is enclosed. It reflects your facility's rate as of March 1, 2012.

This worksheet contains only two changes from the Rate Computation Worksheet that you received for your January 1, 2012 Medicaid payment rate:

First, the add-on payment to reimburse facilities for payment of the Safety Net Assessment in relation to Medicaid residents has been changed. As was explained in the "Notice Concerning the Safety Net Assessment" sent to facilities on February 9, 2012, the higher payment level for the SNA has been changed effective March 1, 2012, increasing from \$11.00 to \$15.60. The SNA add-on has been increased to reflect that change. If you have any questions concerning the change in the SNA, please refer to the earlier Notice, which is available on the Office of Rates Management website.

Second, the lines of the worksheet relating to the Comparison Add-on have been changed. Because the Comparison Add-on will not be subject to settlement, it is no longer broken out by rate component.

The department has recalculated the March 1 rates for all facilities. However, unless a facility pays the SNA at the higher level, its March 1 rate will not change. In other words, facilities that are exempt from the SNA or pay it at the lower level of \$1.00 will see no change in their rate because of this recalculation. Some facilities may see a change in their rates because of factors that are specific to them and unrelated to the SNA. In such cases, a separate letter will be included along with this Dear Administrator letter.

If a timely appeal of your July 1, 2011 or January 1, 2012 rate is pending, when it is resolved any changes made to adjustments because of that appeal will be brought forward to the facility's March 1, 2012 adjusted rate.

If you wish to request an administrative review conference in relation to your March 1, 2012, or any subsequent adjusted rate, please keep in mind WAC 388-96-904, the regulation that controls such requests. The regulation provides in part:



(1)...The contractor's request for administrative review shall:

- (a) Be signed by the contractor or by a partner, officer, or authorized employee of the contractor;
- (b) State the particular issues raised; and
- (c) Include all necessary supporting documentation or other information.

(2) After receiving a request for administrative review conference that meets the criteria in subsection (1) of this section, the department shall schedule an administrative review conference. The conference may be conducted by telephone.

(3) At least fourteen calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the administrative review conference, the contractor must supply any additional or supporting documentation or information upon which the contractor intends to rely in presenting its case. In addition, the department may request at any time prior to issuing a determination any documentation or information needed to decide the issues raised, and the contractor must comply with such a request within fourteen calendar days after it is received...The department shall dismiss issues that cannot be decided or resolved due to a contractor's failure to provide requested documentation or information within the required period. (emphasis added)

The department will enforce this regulation in responding to requests for administrative review. Requests that do not state the issues with particularity or that are not supported by the required documentation or information will be denied or dismissed. Mail your appeal to the Office of Rates Management at the address above.

I encourage you to contact your analyst if you have questions about your rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Callaghan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ken Callaghan, Chief
Office of Rates Management

Enclosure